Thursday, December 18, 2008

## Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 49

**Subject:** Authorize award and execution of a contract with HILL COUNTRY CONCRETE, Kerrville, TX for demolition of an existing chain link fence and installation of a screening wall in an amount not to exceed \$171,000.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$171,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Terry Nicholson, Senior Buyer, 322-6586.

Purchasing Language: Lowest bid of six bids received.

**MBE/WBE:** This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

This contract is for the demolition and removal of an existing chain link fence and the installation of a 12 foot screening wall around the Cardinal Lane Substation located at Cardinal Lane and South 5th St. The new wall will surround high-voltage equipment within the substation providing necessary safety and security. The work is scheduled to begin in early January with a completion date no later than March 1st.

MBE/WBE solicited: 9/12 MBE/WBE bid: 1/0

## PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Forty-five notices were sent, including nine MBEs and 12 WBEs. Six bids were received, including one MBE
- c. This is the first purchase of its type; therefore, there is no pricing history available.

## APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest bid received.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Energy's recommended award.
- c. Advertised on the Internet.